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IN RE: PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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REMOTE VIDEO DEPOSITION OF BRIAN TAPHORN

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1 A. Not all calls specifically, no.

2 Q. So you can't tell me, with certainty,
3 who told you this information?

4 A. I can't.

5 Q. The sales team of Seaboard used this
6 information about competitors' planned cutbacks to
7 increase Seaboard's offering prices, correct?

8 MR. SCHWINGLER: Objection, form,
9 foundation.

10 A. It would have -- it would have
11 affected our sales decisions, yes.

12 MS. VAN ENGELEN: Let's take a look
13 at Tab 17, which we will mark as Exhibit 308.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 308 was marked
15 for identification.)

16 MS. VAN ENGELEN: And that is
17 SBF0349287 through 89, which was provided in native
18 format.

19 MR. SCHWINGLER: Can you give me the
20 tab number again?

21 MS. VAN ENGELEN: That is Tab 16 --
22 or, I'm sorry, 17.

23 Q. (BY MS. VAN ENGELEN:) This is an
24 email from Aaron to you and others at Seaboard
25 dated June 6th, 2013, correct?

1 Q. Okay. And by bulls, what did you
2 mean?

3 A. Those that are bullish, the futures
4 market.

5 Q. As in people that think the price
6 could be pushed higher, right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And is it fair to say that you
9 believed at least that the bulls were looking at
10 China as a basis to increase the price of the hogs
11 on the futures market?

12 MR. SCHWINGLER: Objection, form,
13 foundation.

14 A. I mentioned it here because it must
15 have been a factor in the market at that time.

16 Q. (BY MR. MENDER:) And increased sales
17 to China could soak up some of the, you know,
18 potential supply issues?

19 MR. SCHWINGLER: Objection, form,
20 foundation.

21 A. That would be the speculation.

22 Q. (BY MR. MENDER:) And what did you
23 mean by bears?

24 A. Those market participants that are
25 bearish, futures market.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing deposition was taken down by me in stenotypy, and the questions and answers thereto were reduced to typewriting under my supervision, and that the foregoing represents a true and correct transcript of the deposition given by said witness upon said hearing, to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to the parties to the action, nor am I in anywise interested in the result of said cause.



/s/ LAURA H. NICHOLS

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